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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: AN ARAB LEAGUE VIEW

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1. EMBOFF MET BRIEFLY DECEMBER 20 WITH ABD AL-RA'UF AL-REEDI,
ARAB LEAGUE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
WORKING LEVEL COORCINATOR OF EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. REEDI IS
EXPERIENCED EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT ON LOAN TO ARAB LEAGUE.

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2. REEDI, WHO WAS IN ABU DHABI, SAID PALESTINIANS ARE NOT OPPOSING "DENATIONALIZED FORMULA." ON CONTRARY, ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAD BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY PALESTINIAN COMMENTS IN ARAB CAUCUS IN ABU DHABI. PLO REPS HAD SAID THEY THOUGHT ARABS COULD DO BETTER IN GENERAL COMMISSION IF PRESENT FORMULA WERE MAINTAINED.

3. DRAWING ON REFTTEL, EMBOFF ASKED WHAT ARAB LEAGUE POSITION WOULD BE ON POLITICAL ITEMS FOR GENERAL COMMISSION AGENDA. REEDI SAID AL HAS POINTED OUT TO RAGARD DEL, IN CAIRO LAST WEEK, THAT POLITICAL DIALOGUE HAS IMPLICITLY BEEN ACCEPTED BY EC ALREADY. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARABS HAD PROTESTED EC-ISRAELI ECONOMIC AGREEMENT AND, MORE IMPORTANT, EC HAD REPLIED.

4. REEDI SAID ARABS ARE NOT ETING THEIR SIGHTS HIGH. SAUVAGNARGUE'S STATEMENT OF JULY 1974 EXCLUDED QUESTIONS OF ME SETTLEMENT. REEDI THOUGHT THAT USEFUL POLITICAL DIALOGUE COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT DIRECTLY ADDRESSING THIS QUESTION OF "SETTLEMENT." SPECIFICALLY, EC DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 1973 IS OBVIOUSLY OUTDATED AND EVOLUTION OF EC THINKING COULD USEFULLY BE REGISTERED IN NEW FORMAL POLICY POSITION.

5. WE KNOW, SAID REEDI, THAT EC DISINCLINATION DISCUSS POLITICS IS DUE IN LARGE PART TO US PRESSURE. PLEASE TELL WASHINGTON, HE URGED, THAT ARAB MODERATES HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT EC-ARAB POLITICAL DIALOGUE COULD HELP USG PEACE EFFORTS. EGYPT CROSSED ITS PSYCHOLOGICAL RUBICON WHEN NASSER ACCEPTED 242. REAL STUMBLING BLOCK NOW, HE SAID, IS PALESTINIANS' PSYCHOLOGICAL UNREADINESS TO TAKE DECISIONS NECESSARY FOR THEIR OWN GOOD. HERE, HE EMPHASIZED, EC CAN HELP. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ARE ALREADY TELLING PALESTINIANS THEY SHOULD SHELVE PROPAGANDA ABOUT SECULAR STATE FOR ALL PALESTINE, FACE REALITY, AND DO THEMELVES SOME GOOD IN CONTEXT WHICH WOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO ATMOSPHERICS NECESSARY FOR FINAL COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. EILTS

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